



BOND ELECTION ADVISORY TASK FORCE MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
May 21, 2012**

The Bond Election Advisory Task Force convened in a regular meeting on Monday, May 21, 2012, at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, Room 325, in Austin, Texas.

**Chair Frank Fernandez called the Task Force Meeting to order at 6:15 pm.
A quorum was present.**

Task Force Members in Attendance:

Frank Fernandez, Chair	Griffin Davis	Jennifer Kim
Terry Mitchell, Vice Chair	Craig Enoch	Leslie Pool
Rodney Ahart	Linda Guerrero	Tom Spencer
Don Baylor, Jr.	Alfonso Hernandez	Heather Way
Jeb Boyt	Celia Israel	

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of May 14, 2012 were approved on Task Force Member Pool's motion and Task Force member Enoch's second on a 10-0 vote. Task Force Members Davis, Hernandez, Mitchell and Way were off the dias.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The first 2 speakers signed up for each of the following issue areas were each allowed a 2 minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items posted on the agenda: Affordable Housing, City Facilities, Parks & Open Space, Transportation/Mobility, and Community-Based Projects.

- **Glee Ingram** (Parks & Open Space)
- **Samantha Lopez** (Community-Based Projects – Austin Studios)
- **Charlie Betts** (Transportation/Mobility)
- **Dr. John Hogg** (Community-Based Projects – Mexic-Arte Museum)
- **Cheyenne Johnson** (Parks & Open Space)
- **Stephanie Thomas** (Affordable Housing)
- **Bob Kafka** (Transportation/Mobility)
- **Sarah Watkins** (Affordable Housing)

3. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

- a. Discussion of Task Force recommendations, projects and programs for future bond funding, or developing a bond package.**

In response to the request of the Task Force, City staff provided an analysis of potential funding levels for projects and programs to meet the allocations for a \$400 million bond package as provided by the Task Force at the May 14, 2012 regular meeting. The motions by the Task Force

during the May 21, 2012 meeting to reduce or increase funding for projects and programs described below indicate changes to the funding levels provided in the staff analysis.

The motion to reduce funding for the Harold Court facility by \$5,048,000 was approved on Task Force Member Pool's motion, Task Force Member Davis' second on a 7-6 vote. Task Force Member Mitchell was off the dias.

There was a motion by Task Force Member Kim, seconded by Task Force Member Israel, to reduce the funding for the Northwest Police Substation by \$3,000,000, reduce the funding for the Housing Affordability Program by \$1,000,000, and reduce the funding for Open Space Acquisition by \$1,000,000 to provide funding for community-based projects. A friendly amendment by Task Force Member Davis to only reduce the funding for the Northwest Police Substation and not make any changes to funding for the Housing Affordability Program or Open Space Acquisition was accepted by the maker of the motion. The motion with the friendly amendment was approved on a 11-3 vote.

The motion to reallocate funding within the Transportation/Mobility category to make a statement for bold and impactful projects such as I-35, N. Lamar/Burnet, E. 6th Street, FM 969, Emmett Shelton Bridge, the street reconstruction program and the sidewalks program, failed on Task Force Member Israel's motion, Task Force Member Davis's second on a 3-11 vote.

There was a motion by Task Force Member Boyt, seconded by Task Force Member Davis to move \$1,000,000 from the Urban Trail and Grant Match Projects to the Austin to Manor Trail Phase 2 and \$1,000,000 from Cemetery Renovations to Onion Creek Metropolitan Park improvements. A friendly amendment by Task Force Member Way to only move \$1,000,000 from the Urban Trail and Grant Match Projects to the Austin to Manor Trail Phase 2, and to not make any changes to funding for Cemetery Renovations, was accepted by the maker of the motion. The motion with the friendly amendment was approved on a 14-0 vote.

The motion to move \$1,000,000 from Waterloo Park improvements to Onion Creek Metropolitan Park improvements failed on Task Force Member Boyt's motion, Task Force Member Kim's second on a 3-10 vote. Task Force Member Hernandez was off the dias.

The motion to move \$3,000,000 from Design for New Projects to Community-Based Projects, and within the Community-Based Projects category to allocate \$3,000,000 to Austin Film Studios Expansion, \$1,000,000 to the Mexic-Arte Museum, \$1,000,000 to the Violet Crown Trail, and \$1,000,000 to E. 51st Street was approved on Task Force Member Ahart's motion, Task Force Member Kim's second, on a 7-5 vote. Task Force Members Boyt and Pool abstained.

The motion to recommend a \$400 million bond package with \$76,800,000 for affordable housing, \$68,000,000 for city facilities, \$110,000,000 for parks and open space, \$139,200,000 for transportation/mobility, and \$6,000,000 for community based projects was approved on Task Force Member Davis's motion, Task Force Member Pool's second on a 11-3 vote.

The motion to include the committees' policy recommendations, as amended, as Task Force recommendations was approved on Task Force Member Israel's motion, Task Force Member Baylor's second on a 14-0 vote.

The motion to include the draft policies #1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 provided by Task Force Member Way as Task Force recommendations was approved on Task Force Member Enoch's motion, Task Force Member Boyt's second on a 14-0 vote.

The motion to include draft policy #2 provided by Task Force Member Way as a Task Force recommendation was approved with the following friendly amendment on motion by Task Force Member Israel, seconded by Task Force Member Pool, on a 13-0 vote. Task Force Member Boyt abstained. The friendly amendment from Chair Fernandez was to delegate authority to the Task Force Chair to make revisions to the text of the policy to more closely reflect the intentions of the Task Force, using the text provided by Task Force Member Way as a starting point. This was accepted by the maker of the motion.

The motion to delegate writing the cover letter and Executive Summary for the Task Force Recommendations Report to City Council, to the Task Force Chair, with staff input, was approved on Task Force Member Davis' motion, Task Force Member Pool's second, on a 14-0 vote.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Task Force cancelled the May 24, 2012 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fernandez adjourned the meeting at 10:20 pm without objection.